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REAFFIRMING DESIRE FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

AT NOON LOCAL TIME ON SEPTEMBER 24 THE GKR WILL ISSUE A DECLARATION REAFFIRMING ITS DESIRE FOR PEACE BASED ON THE JANUARY 27 PARIS ACCORDS AND RENEWING THE 6 POINT PEACE PROPOSAL MADE BY THE GKR ON JULY 6 OF THIS YEAR. BECAUSE OF COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS, GKR REPRESENTATIVES ABROAD WILL HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO OBTAIN THE TEXT OF THIS DECLARATION FROM THE AMERICAN MISSION AT THEIR LOCATION. FOLLOWING IS THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE DECLARATION:

QUOTE.

DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC WELCOMED THE CONCLUSION OF THE JANUARY 27, 1973 CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT ON VIETNAM AS WELL AS THE FEBRUARY 21, 1973 AGREEMENT ON THE RESTORATION OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION IN LAOS, WHICH HAS JUST BEEN FOLLOWED BY THE SIGNING OF THE IMPLEMENTING PROTOCOL ON SEPTEMBER 14, 1973.

THESE AGREEMENTS, WHICH PROVIDE A BASIS FOR THE REALIZATION OF PEACE IN VIETNAM AND LAOS, WILL NEVERTHELESS BE FRUITLESS IF THE NORTH VIETNAM COMMUNISTS PERSIST IN VIOLATING THEM, NOT ONLY BY RETAINING THEIR TROOPS AND THEIR ARMS IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, LAOS AND CAMBODIA BUT ALSO BE SENDING OTHERS THERE TO REINFORCE THEIR POSITIONS AND SANCTUARIES. THE RECENT PREPARATION AND EXTENSION OF AIR BASES AND THE INSTALLATION OF NEW MISSILE EMPLACEMENTS IN THE ZONES THEY OCCUPY SOUTH OF THE 17TH PARALLEL IN SOUTH VIETNAMESE TERRITORY CONSTITUTE IRREFUTABLE PROOF OF THEIR INTENTIONS TO PURSUE THE WAR. THE INTENSIFICATION OF THEIR ATTACKS ON KHMER TERRITORY SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR IS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC THEREFORE DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO DENOUNCE ONCE MORE BEFORE WORLD OPINION THE SYSTEMATIC VIOLATIONS OF THE 1954 GENEVA AGREEMENT AND THE JANUARY 27, 1973 PARIS AGREEMENT WHICH HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS AND THE VIET CONG AND WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THREATEN PEACE AND STABILITY IN ALL OF SOUTHEAST ASIA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC RENEWS THE SIX POINT PEACE PROPOSAL MADE ON JULY 6, 1973, OF WHICH THE AIM IS PRINCIPALLY TO OBTAIN THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM KHMER TERRITORY OF ALL FOREIGN FORCES ALONG WITH THE ARMS AND AMMUNITION IN CONFORMITY WITH ARTICLE 20 OF THE JANUARY 27, 1973 PARIS ACCORDS AND IN SO DOING TO PERMIT THE KHMER PEOPLE

TO SETTLE THEIR PROBLEMS THOUGH DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS
AMONG KHMERS WITHOUT EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE OR PRESSURE.

THE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE DEMANDS THE WITHDRAWAL WITHOUT DELAY
OF NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG FORCES, WHOSE PRESENCE ON
KHMER TERRITORY HAS PERSISTED FAR TOO LONG AND OBSTRUCTS
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

REAFFIRMING ITS POLICY OF PEACE BASED ON LIBERTY AND EQUALITY
AND DEDICATED TO THE HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY OF THE KHMER
PEOPLE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC, APPEALING TO THE
PATRIOTISM OF ALL KHMERS, ASKS THAT THEY CEASE PLAYING INTO
THE HANDS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG AGGRESSORS,
WHOSE AIM TO ANNEX ALL THREE STATES OF FORMER FRENCH INDOCHINA
IS EXPLICITLY SET FORTH IN THE "TESTAMENT OF HO CHI MINH".
ENOUGH OF OUR COMPATRIOTS BLOOD HAS BEEN SHED DURING THESE
THREE AND ONE-HALF YEARS OF A WAR IMPOSED UPON US BY THESE
AGGRESSORS. OUR PEACEFUL PEOPLE, WHO ONLY DESIRE THEIR
LIBERTY, INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, HAVE DEEPLY
SUFFERED FROM THIS ATROCIOUS AND DEVASTATING WAR, WHICH ONLY
SERVES THE EXPANSIONIST NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIET CONG
COMMUNISTS.

NEIGHBORING PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY FOUND THE PATH TO PEACE.
WE SHOULD ALSO FIND OURS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE OR WE WILL
FIND OURSELVES LEFT BEHIND IN THE RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOP-
MENT OF OUR COUNTRY.

TOWARDS THIS END, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC REPEATS ITS
PEACE OFFER OF JULY 6, 1973, WHICH CONSTITUTES A VIABLE BASE
FOR DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS TO PRESERVE THE INDEPENDENCE OF OUR
COUNTRY AND TO SPARE OUR PEOPLE ADDITIONAL SUFFERING AND
DISTRESS, AND INVITES KHMERS ON THE OTHER SIDE TO RECONSIDER
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